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[Craufurd to Council.]

Upper Marlbro Sunday the 18th Feb^y 1776. 1 oClock
Gentlemen. I have this moment received the Inclos^d letters from M^r West and in consequence thereof have hired an express to carry them to you, our Committee of Correspondence could not be collected to day, and I thought it highly necessary to forward the dispatches as quick as possible, the messenger is to have thirty shillings.

I am gentlemen your most obed^t Serv^t
David Craufurd

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[Courtenay to Barrister Carroll.]

Sir. M^r Spear shewed me a note which M^r Purviance brought him from The Council of Safety; Whereby its probable you may have occasion to see Cap^t Martin, therefore have given him orders to waite on the council of Safety with M^r Spears Captain, should you have occasion to employ the Brig Friendship Cap^t Martin back here with such returns as you may have ordered, I shall have no sort of objection, providing you insure her at one thousand pounds, this money, and allow a sufficient Freight for such goods as she may bring back; Tho Captain Stone intended she sh^d bring some property of his lying in the West Indies invested in salt rum &c. with her freight money out; The vessel is a prime sailor & has a Bermuda Register, & manned with negroes save the Cap^t & mate which may probable be a cloak for her against the late resolution of the Parliament to seize all American vessels. I am satisfied you cannot employ a vessel more fitting then, the Friendship & s^d you determine on this Cap^t Martin will take your orders respect^e the Homeward voyage, & I shall be glad in such case that you will please write me a few lines in conformity to the above proposal; as I am acting only as an Agent, for Cap^t Stone and am With all respect. Sir your most obed^t hum^l Serv^t

Balt^o 18th February 1776.Her^s Courtenay.To Charles Carroll Esq^r Barrister.

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[Sims to Council.]

Prince Georges County Feb^y 18th 1776.

Gentlemen. During the setting of the last Convention, the officers of the several Company's belonging to the Eleventh Battalion of this Province, were appointed, except the Nottingham Company, which could not then be done for want of a choice being made by the people, since that, and very lately,